

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-comprising a cover (14;40)-extending over at least a portion of the top surface of the car (24), said cover being mounted on a resilient support-(28; 42); the car further comprising detection means (32; 44)-for detecting displacement of the cover corresponding to a weight exceeding a predetermined threshold being applied to the cover, the car being arranged so as to prevent normal operation if said displacement has been detected; wherein said cover (14;40)-is provided on or by a retractable balustrade-(12;38).
2. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-as claimed in claim 1 wherein said cover (14; 40)-and said retractable balustrade (12;38)-form a single unit.
3. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 comprising means (36)-for detecting deployment of the balustrade-(12).
4. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the cover (14)-is rigidly attached to the balustrade-(12).
5. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ wherein the cover (40)-is resiliently attached to the balustrade-(38).
6. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the cover (14; 40)-is arranged over substantially the whole area of the top of the car (24)-on which a person could stand.
7. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2)-as claimed in claim 6 comprising a cut-away portion (16)-provided in the cover (14)-to allow access to controls (18)-mounted on the car top-(24).

8. (Original) An elevator car as claimed in claim 7 wherein said cut-away portion does not provide access to controls for controlling movement of the car during inspection mode.

9. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 wherein the detection means (32; 44) is arranged to be latched such that ordinary operation of the car is prevented until the latch is ~~properly reset by an authorised user~~.

10. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 comprising detent means (26) for preventing movement of the cover (14) ~~unless it~~ the cover is ~~properly displaced by a person clambering on it~~.

11. (Currently Amended) An elevator car (2) as claimed in claim 10 wherein said detent means comprises a magnet ~~(26)~~.